

Welcome Message

Whenever the people are well informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights.

Thomas Jefferson

Cyberspace is a brave new frontier that radically expands freedom's reach and with it, the challenge of protecting it. Cyberspace reaches throughout the electromagnetic spectrum in areas not yet imagined or fully explored. As an organization protecting the rights of our people and others being attacked by common adversaries, the United States Army conducts land operations in times of peace and major conflicts. The Combined Arms Center Computer Network Operations and Electronic Warfare Proponent (USACEWP) develops cyber-electronic capabilities that allow our soldiers and troopers to operate effectively across these full spectrum operations in defense of our families, friends, and all people of the United States of America.

Ensuring the common defense was clearly on the minds of our Founding Fathers. In their wildest dreams, our Founding Fathers (except perhaps Ben Franklin) would never have imagined a man on the moon or a robot on Mars or cellular telephones or computers. Yet, in the Constitution, they framed a set of rules for human interaction so expansive that they might well have envisioned all of these technological breakthroughs. The Constitution was built on Jefferson's premise that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among them life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. What made and still makes our Constitution so remarkable is the unprecedented degree of freedom it provides us...yet, as the saying goes, freedom is not free.

The U.S. military will unquestionably have a role in cyberspace because of its historic role defending the Constitution and its ideals, against all enemies foreign and domestic, wherever our interests are at stake. But within the virtual domain, the military's role is attenuated. Freedom is distributed more widely and so too is responsibility. Protecting cyberspace from those who would seek to use it for sinister purposes can only be assured if everyone who populates it does his or her part. The third amendment to the Constitution is commonly referred to as the Right to Bear Arms. In the Information Age, "arms" carries a broader meaning. Information is now the weapon of choice, capable of achieving effects as powerful as bullets and bombs.

Given this reality, this website reaches out not only to those serving in the physical uniforms of our Armed Forces but to all cyber "peacekeepers," some of whom may be 18-year olds, already trading stocks online while simultaneously gaming interactively with friends halfway across the planet, and some of whom may be 88-year olds doing the very same thing. If each citizen takes a stand to help secure our collective virtual borders, then we shall help to ensure this brave new world is kept free. Too, it will allow the military and its inter-agency, inter-governmental and multi-national partners to focus their efforts squarely on more pernicious threats targeted against us in the cyber domain involving computers, networks, electronics, space and affiliated weaponry.

I welcome you all. Please browse this site or the USACEWP Cyber Warriors blog and contribute your thoughts and input. Thank you, in advance, for the contribution you will make or have already made.